

Minority Business Enterprise Commission

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

September 20, 2006

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the RI Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 on Wednesday, September 20, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance were: Charles Newton, Mauraina Akinfolarin, Louise Anderson, and Stephanie Morris. Also in attendance were Dorinda Keene, staff to the Committee, and Heather Buinicki, sole proprietor.

The Minutes of the August 16, 2006 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee reviewed the following application and the recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office:

- a) Able Industrial Sweeping MBE/DBE RI**
- b) ESP Enterprises, Inc. MBE/DBE TX**
- c) Hightower Electric MBE/DBE RI**
- d) Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. WBE/DBE CA**
- e) Northstar Hydro, Inc. WBE/DBE ME**
- f) Technology for Learning Consortium, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**

g) Wallace Construction Corp. MBE/DBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of these firms for participation in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program as well as the DBE program as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR in the industry as detailed in the write up presented by the MBE Compliance Office. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee reviewed the following applications and the recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office:

a) MJM Fabricators, Inc. MBE/DBE FL

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of a hearing based upon issues of control, dependency upon non-minority and/or non-disadvantaged individuals and firms, affiliation with non-minority and/or non-disadvantaged firms, and the appearance that the firm may have been structured to take advantage of the MBE/WBE/DBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

A.D.W., Inc., d/b/a Advanced Distribution & Warehousing – The

hearing previously held for this applicant on August 16, 2006 was tabled by the CRC, pending receipt of additional information. A formal written request for information was sent to the applicant on August 17, 2006. As of this date, the applicant has failed to provide the information as requested. A motion was made and properly seconded to notify the applicant that, unless all requested information was received by the first week of October 2006, their application for certification as a WBE/DBE would be withdrawn. Motion carried unanimously.

Heather Buinicki, Scheduling Consultant – This application had been presented to the CRC on August 16, 2006, and had been tabled, pending receipt of additional information. The applicant, Heather Buinicki, was present to answer questions posed by the CRC. Specifically, the applicant indicated that she was not employed by any other firm, beyond her sole proprietorship, during 2006 to date. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this firm, with the caveat that, upon the submittal of recertification materials, the MBE Compliance Office would carefully review the 2006 personal federal tax return of the applicant to confirm no outside employment. Motion carried with 3 votes in the affirmative (Newton, Akinfolarin, and Morris), and 1 vote in the negative (Anderson).

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.